

REMARKS

The present application was filed on July 20, 2000 with claims 1-20. Claim 8 has been canceled herein. Claims 1-7 and 9-20 are currently pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

The specification has been amended to correct minor errors of a typographical nature.

Claims 9-11, 13, 14, 16 and 17 are indicated in the Office Action as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants have rewritten claims 13, 14, 16 and 17 in independent form, and these claims are therefore believed allowable.

Each of independent claims 1 and 18-20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,332,131 (hereinafter "Grandcolas").

Applicants initially note that §102(b) precludes patentability if an invention "was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country . . . more than one year prior to the date of the application for patent in the United States." As noted above, the present application was filed on July 20, 2000. The Grandcolas reference issued as a patent on December 18, 2001, which is after the filing date of the present application. The §102(b) rejection is therefore believed to be improper, and should be withdrawn.

Notwithstanding the foregoing traversal, Applicants have addressed the anticipation argument made by the Examiner, by amending each of claims 1 and 18-20 to include a limitation similar to that of canceled dependent claim 8. More specifically, each of these claims has been amended to specify generally that retrieved web content is parsed into one or more component structures, and that a pattern matching process is subsequently applied to recognize designated component structure subject to alteration in accordance with the one or more augmentation files. The Examiner in the Office Action at page 3, section 7, argues that this limitation is met by the teachings in column 3, lines 48-55 and column 4, lines 8-20 of Grandcolas. Applicants respectfully disagree. The relied-upon portions of Grandcolas provide as follows, with emphasis supplied:

Where the financial institution Legacy application 23 puts forward a Legacy application stream, the stream is directed towards a parser 21. The parser 21 reads the

Legacy application, determines that no token representation exists, and then adds a token representation or tokenizes the Legacy application stream. The now tokenized application stream is directed to the token-creator-mapper 26 along connecting line 29.

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The token-creator-mapper 26 receives a tokenized application stream. The token-creator-mapper maps the application stream into a token representation that is understood by the customer device's renderer 22. The process of mapping is the transformation from one set to another or the making of a logical connection between two entities. Mapping is the process by which a first set of concepts is translated into a second set of concepts through a series of layers. Each layer contains the same amount of information as the layer above, but in a form somewhat closer to the form of the second concept. Eventually, after a series of layers, the first concept is translated into the second concept.

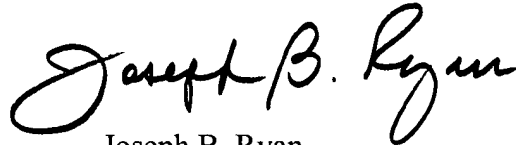
It is therefore apparent that the parser 21 of Grandcolas is not disclosed as being operative to parse retrieved web content into one or more component structures, the one or more component structures being subsequently subject to a pattern matching process in order to recognize designated component structure subject to alteration in accordance with the one or more augmentation files, as required by the limitation in question. Instead, parser 21 as described above simply reads a Legacy application stream for the purpose of adding a tokenized representation thereto if the stream does not include such a representation.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1 and 18-20 as amended are believed to be allowable over Grandcolas and the other art of record.

Dependent claims 2-7, 9-12 and 15 are believed allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections be withdrawn. The application is believed to in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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